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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Victoria Day

May 22

The school will be closed.

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Meet Our Fabulous Staff!



Donna Dowling

Academic Dean

How did you get into your field?

As a kid I tried to teach my younger brother and sister anything I could – anything they would sit still for. I earned a BA in Psychology, a diploma in Computer-assisted Learning (this was before the Internet was a big deal), and then a Masters in Education. I worked for the federal government, high-tech companies, and schools for many years. But design was calling... I went back to school and studied architecture, interior design, and art history, then ran my own residential interior decorating company in Ottawa before moving to the U.S.. I've been teaching with PDA for 6 years and now am fortunate to combine my love for teaching and design into one.

Why do you think education is important?

I think education is a door to new worlds, and to knowledge that inspires us. It allows us access to new people and groups where we share a common passion. There's always something new to explore.

What's your favourite snack to eat while working?

Coffee!

Upcoming Events



Info Session

Your pathway to a career
in the Design Arts!

What we offer:

- Interior Design
- Graphic Media Design
- App & Web Development
- Fashion Design
- Architectural Building Technology
- Professional Photography & Imaging
- Motion Picture Production

**May
18
2023
@6pm**

Design your career with us!

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PDA News

VVALS Scholarship

Congratulations to PDA's 2023 recipient!

We're excited to announce that second year Graphic Media Design student Chance Morrow is this year's PDA recipient of the Victoria Visual Arts Legacy Society's bursary. Chance was chosen for his artistic potential and community involvement.

Chance comes from a background in marketing and project management but decided that he wanted to be creative. He enjoys working with typography and using Adobe to create abstract art.

We'd like to say a big thank you as well to the Victoria Visual Arts Legacy Society for giving our students the opportunity to apply for this generous bursary.



"Seraji" Premiere

A current Motion Picture Production student will premiere his work at local film fest.

We're very proud of current Motion Picture Production student Landon Johnston, who is set to premiere his short documentary, "Seraji," on May 6th at the Short Circuit Pacific Rim Film Festival.

Landon filmed this during his first term at PDA for the students' short documentary project. "Seraji" focusses on a Vancouver-based illustrator and cartoonist. More information is available on the Cinevic Website.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TIPS

With only two months left in the school year, stress about finishing projects and graduating is common. Here are some mental health and wellness tips to help students through this time!

Go outside between classes to soak up the spring sunshine!

Take a night off and do something nice for yourself, like a bath or a long walk.

Spend some time socializing for fun, whether with your classmates or with family and friends.

Ask for help! There are a number of free or cheap community resources that we have compiled for students on Teams.

Inspiration of the Month

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happy May from PDA!